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SENATE BILL 316

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; ENACTING THE CLASSROOM PIGGY BANK ACT;
PROVIDING MONEY FOR TEACHERS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL
ACTIVITIES; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE. -- This act may be cited as the
"Classroom Piggy Bank Act". "

Section 2. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS. -- As used in the Classroom
Piggy Bank Act:

A. "educational activities" means instructional
events occurring in or outside the classroom for the educational

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1 benefit of children;

2 B. "fund" means the classroom piggy bank fund;

3 C. "instructional supplies" means incidental items
4 or equipment for use in a classroom setting for the benefit of
5 children; and

6 D. "teacher" means a certified school instructor
7 who, as an employee of a school district, spends the majority of
8 the work day providing instruction to children in a classroom
9 setting."

10 Section 3. A new section of the Public School Code is
11 enacted to read:

12 "[NEW MATERIAL] CLASSROOM PIGGY BANK FUND CREATED.--The
13 "classroom piggy bank fund" is created in the state treasury.
14 Money in the fund is appropriated to the department of education
15 for the purpose of making distributions to school districts for
16 distribution to teachers in the school districts pursuant to the
17 provisions of the Classroom Piggy Bank Act. Money in the fund
18 shall be distributed upon warrant of the department of finance
19 and administration pursuant to vouchers signed by the state
20 superintendent. Unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining
21 in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall revert to the
22 general fund."

23 Section 4. A new section of the Public School Code is
24 enacted to read:

25 "[NEW MATERIAL] DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUND.--Money in the

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1 fund shall be distributed annually at the commencement of the
2 regular school year. The state superintendent shall distribute
3 money in the fund in a pro rata share to each school district on
4 the basis of the number of full-time teachers employed by the
5 district. Money distributed to each school district shall be
6 transferred to the principal of each school in the school
7 district for equal distribution to each full-time teacher in the
8 school district. Money distributed from the fund shall be in
9 addition to and shall not supplant a distribution made pursuant
10 to the Instructional Material Law."

11 Section 5. A new section of the Public School Code is
12 enacted to read:

13 "[NEW MATERIAL] EXPENDITURE OF MONEY--RECEIPTS. --

14 A. Money distributed from the fund shall be expended
15 only for the purchase of instructional supplies or for
16 educational activities. Distributions to individual teachers
17 may, at the discretion of the teacher, be combined with
18 distributions to other teachers at the same school to enable
19 joint purchases and enhanced purchasing power. Money from the
20 fund shall not be used for basic building needs or on non-
21 instruction-related uses.

22 B. A teacher expending money distributed from the
23 fund shall provide detailed receipts for all expenditures to the
24 principal of the school within thirty days of the expenditure.

25 C. Money distributed to a principal or a teacher

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1 that remains unexpended at the end of the regular school year
2 shall be remitted to the school district for remittance to the
3 fund. "

4 Section 6. APPROPRIATION. -- Three million dollars
5 (\$3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
6 classroom piggy bank fund for expenditure in fiscal year 1998
7 for the purpose of making distributions pursuant to the
8 Classroom Piggy Bank Act. Any unexpended or unencumbered
9 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to
10 the general fund.

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